

January 26, 2023

Ryan Walters
Superintendent of Public Instruction
Oklahoma State Department of Education
2500 N. Lincoln Blvd.
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Dear Superintendent Walters,

OPSRC, as a Code.org Regional Partner, is writing to offer support of the proposed 2023 Oklahoma Academic Standards for Computer Science for adoption by the Oklahoma State School Board and Legislature. Code.org is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the vision that every student in every school has the opportunity to learn computer science. We believe that standards are an essential part of a larger education plan and can provide a foundation with which to align the other components, such as curriculum, instruction, professional development, and assessment, to better prepare students for college and the workplace.

The proposed Oklahoma Academic Standards for Computer Science should be adopted because they provide the following:

- A clear definition of what computer science education includes
- A flexibility in organization of coursework and curricular choice
- Concepts and practices that are manageable for students and teachers, while maintaining rigor
- A connected progression of content
- Provide guidance and support to teachers so that they can prepare students to be college and workforce ready

OPSRC is pleased to support the proposed standards for consideration and approval by the Oklahoma State Board of Education and the Oklahoma Legislature.

Sincerely,

Brent Bushey

Executive Director